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REPLY TO

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MEMORANDUM FOR FOR Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, U.S. Army Forces Command, ATTN: SGM Terry Webster, Fort Bragg, NC 28310

SUBJECT: Nomination for SSG Lindsey Kibler as Keith L. Ware Print Journalist of the Year.

1. SSG Lindsey Kibler has been a Public Affairs NCO with I Corps since October 2006. She has taken advantage of every opportunity to diversify her PA skills, demonstrating the ability to seamlessly transition into any position. She has leveraged her current tour in Afghanistan to further expand her experience by working on the Current Operations team with direct media engagement, supporting the Multi-Purpose PA Team with internal information and taking a greater role with Media Outreach by planning and facilitating Afghan and NATO media embeds.

2. SSG Kibler was personally selected to cover stories at a Brigade Task Force level. She spent three weeks traveling to several combat outposts in a volatile region of Kandahar province with Soldiers from 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, documenting development and outreach operations. She returned with 11 stories and more than 300 photos, surpassing expectations and earning praise from the Commanding General, ISAF Joint Command, as well as leadership at the regional command level.

3. SSG Kibler always makes herself available to her peers and subordinates even though she is not directly responsible for Soldiers in her current billet. Senior enlisted and officers routinely leverage her diverse experience in Public Affairs at the Corps level and value her opinions regarding current and future operations. SSG Kibler's eagerness to support teammates with the technical and tactical aspects of their work has greatly increased marketing opportunities for their products, while also expanding the reach of the commander's message.

4. SSG Kibler is truly dedicated not only to her job as a Soldier and Public Affairs NCO, but also as a student. She maintains a 3.78 GPA with St. Martin's University, where she is majoring in Psychology and Sociology. SSG Kibler is on track to graduate in the summer of 2012, nearly one year earlier than expected, and has completed 27 credit hours within the past year. SSG Kibler was selected as the company's primary Unit Prevention Leader and Suicide Intervention Leader because of her trustworthiness and high moral character.

5. SSG Kibler is in compliance with the height and weight standards published in AR 600-9. She scored a 220 during her October 2011 Army Physical Fitness Test, after an extensive abdominal surgery that prohibited her from continuing a vigorous training regime. However, SSG Kibler pushed herself and was able to pass an APFT five months earlier than her projected surgery recovery date. She currently has an end-of-deployment goal to raise her PT score by at least 55 points and set an example for the rest of her peers and seniors in I Corps.

6. SSG Kibler's commitment to the mission, as well as her drive to become a better Soldier and leader, are a few of the many reasons her contributions to public affairs have earned her this opportunity. Whatever the assignment, SSG Kibler executes punctually and proficiently. She is one of the best junior Public Affairs NCOs I have had the pleasure of working with and I think her effort and dedication to telling the Soldier story make her the perfect choice for the 2011 Paul D. Savanuck Military Journalist of the Year.

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